

Maine EMS Rulemaking - 2012 Summary of Proposed Rules

The proposed rules changes are referenced by line numbers, which may be found on the left-hand side of the proposed rules change document pages. The proposed rules change document is available on the Maine EMS web site at:

http://maine.gov/dps/ems/documents/Rulemaking_Proposed_Rules_2012.pdf

Proposed rules deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~, while new rule proposals are underlined

Chapter 2: Definitions

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
81	91	Changed consistent with statutory language in 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 2-B
150	160	Changed consistent with statutory language in 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 2-B
332	336	Regulatory language removed from Definitions and moved to Chapter 3
345	348	Regulatory language removed from Definitions and moved to Chapter 3
398	401	Defines Response Assignment Plan

Chapter 3: Ground Ambulance Services

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
463	472	Changes EMS Service level names consistent with national standards Removes Critical Care as an EMS service level.
483	525	Revises Primary Response Area language and removes Secondary Response Area designation
562	564	Removes secondary responder reference
610	611	Adds regulatory language removed from Definitions (See Chapter 2 above)
633	638	Adds requirements regarding Paramedic Inter-Facility Transfer (PIFT)
678	689	Provides for alternative staffing levels if a service has an approved Response Assignment Plan
696	697	Provides for electronic notification of personnel changes by services to Maine EMS
737	743	Revises language concerning EMS service use of persons under 18 years of age
745	753	Establishes EMS service and reporting requirements for Designated Infection Control Officers (DICOs)
788		Changes electronic run reporting requirements from 3 days to 1 day
1018	1034	Moves existing language from definitions (See Chapter 2 above) Provides for response in accordance with an approved Response Assignment Plan
1035	1039	Adds regulatory language removed from Definitions (See Chapter 2 above)
1041	1043	Adds regulatory language from Definitions

Chapter 3-A: Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Licenses

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
1186	1196	Allows Emergency Medical Dispatchers in training to process EMD calls under the direct supervision of a licensed Emergency Medical Dispatcher
1200	1201	Provides for electronic notification of personnel changes by EMD Centers to Maine EMS

Chapter 4: Air Ambulance Services

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
1290	1299	Changes air ambulance service level names consistent with national standards
1680	1681	Provides for electronic notification of personnel changes by Air Ambulance Services to Maine EMS
1692	1700	Establishes air ambulance service and reporting requirements for Designated Infection Control Officers (DICOs)

Chapter 5: Personnel Licenses

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
2061	2084	Changes EMS provider level names consistent with national standards Removes Ambulance Attendant provider level as of July 1, 2014 Removes Critical Care provider level as of January 1, 2016
2093	2173	Revises provider level language consistent with level-names changes.
2175	2181	Establishes (in Rule) provider requirements for Paramedic Inter-Facility Transfer (PIFT) Paramedics
2191	2196	Establishes (in Rule) individual provider requirements for filing Maine EMS patient care provider reports.
2208	2209	Changes language consistent with Chapter 3 changes (See lines 737-743)
2237	2238	Removes reference to “refresher” courses.
2256	2258	Removes reference to “refresher” courses
2271	2299	Changes EMS provider level names consistent with national standards
2301	2359	Changes Continuing Education Hour (CEH) Names consistent with National Standards Allows continuing education flexibility in order to transition to new category designations
2361	2395	Establishes - as of January 1, 2016 - required hours in new CEH categories and increases CEH required for license renewal consistent with National standards.
2403	2410	Provides for license renewal based upon national EMS certifying agency certification (e.g. National Registry)
2414	2431	Requires that persons applying for a Maine EMS license must have completed cognitive and practical exams within three years of application date, unless renewing within two years or licensing based upon reciprocity or national certification.
2433	2435	Removes language consistent with changes proposed in lines 2414 - 2431

Chapter 5-A: Emergency Medical Dispatcher Licenses

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
2529	2536	Provides for initial issuance of twenty-seven month EMD license to provide separation of national certification date and Maine EMD license date. Once the separation is established, licenses would be renewed for a period of twenty-four months
2569	2594	Removes outdated continuing education language

Chapter 6: Drugs and Medications

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
2661	2664	Adds a requirement for services to report missing medications.

Chapter 8: Training Courses and Continuing Education

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
2744	2745	Establishes that training courses must be in accordance with Maine EMS Training Standards
2747	2825	Housekeeping changes to level names Removes reference to refresher courses
2827	2828	Removes Chapter language in light of new Chapter 8-A concerning training centers
2829	2830	Removes language now addressed in Training Center Standards
2899	2900	Adds Training Centers as Continuing Education Hour approval entities

Ch. 8-A: Training Centers

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
2927	2995	New Chapter - Establishes requirements for Training Centers.

Chapter 9: Instructor Coordinator Licenses

Line Number(s) From: To:		Proposed Changes:
3008	3056	Change level names and references to education consistent with National standards
3038	3039	Requires Instructor Coordinator applicant to have three years experience at the level for which the applicant is applying.
3046	3047	Housekeeping
3058	3059	Requires applicant to apply for IC license within three years of completion of class
3085	3099	Adds standard licensing language requirements consistent with other Chapters
3101	3181	Remove violations section – specific violations moved to Chapter 11, or eliminated as redundant (to Chapter 11)

Chapter 9-A – Emergency Medical Dispatch Training, Instructors and Continuing Education Programs.

Line Number(s) From: To:	Proposed Changes:
3296	Correct chapter reference

Ch.11: Standards and Procedures for Refusing to Issue or Renew a License and for modifying, suspending or revoking a license

Line Number(s) From: To:	Proposed Changes:
3397	Amend violations for clarification
3480	Amend violations to include Training Centers
	Include violations removed from Chapter 9
	Remove redundant violation citation

Chapter 15: Maine EMS Regions and Regional Councils

Line Number(s) From: To:	Proposed Changes:
3545	Removes specific region designation and replace with language referencing region delineation by the Board (32 M.R.S.A. §89(1))

Chapter17: Equipment Lists for Maine EMS Services and Regional EMS Radio Frequencies

Line Number(s) From: To:	Proposed Changes:
3655	Require nasal airways
3781	
3950	
3664	Removes language regarding Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
3719	Revises trauma shear requirement
3877	“ “ “ “
4022	“ “ “ “
4220	“ “ “ “
3748	Requires commercially prepared tourniquet
3755	Removes “suggested” equipment list
3932	Requires glucometer
3934	Stretcher requirement consistent with Chapter 3. Requires restraining straps be used unless straps interfere with patient care of child protective seat used.
4086	Removes colorimetric and capnometric devices
4115	Adds trans-glottic device sizes
4202	
4320	
4133	Changes intravenous catheter requirements for Surgical Airway/Chest Decompression Kit
4263	“ “ “
4369	“ “ “
4141	Requires continuous waveform capnography for ventilator

**Chapter17: Equipment Lists for Maine EMS Services and Regional EMS Radio
Frequencies - Continued**

4289	4327	Remove Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment no longer at EMT-Intermediate/AEMT level
4340	4352	Add ALS equipment removed from EMT-I/AEMT level to Critical Care level

Maine EMS Rulemaking 2012 Public Hearings Schedule

- **Monday November 5, 2012** - Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC), Conference Room A, B and C, Lewiston, Maine at 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday November 5, 2012** –Franklin Memorial Hospital, Ben Franklin Conference Center, Crosby Room, Farmington, Maine at 6:30 p.m. (via videoconference with CMMC Lewiston)
- **Monday November 5, 2012** – Rumford Community Hospital, Conference Room A, Rumford, Maine at 6:30 p.m. (via videoconference with CMMC Lewiston)
- **Monday November 5, 2012**– Ripley Medical Office Building, Harper Conference Center, 193 Main St. Norway, Maine, at 6:30 p.m. (via videoconference with CMMC Lewiston)
- **Tuesday November 6, 2012**-Maine Health, Conference Room MMC-B, 110 Free St, Portland, Maine at 6:00 pm
- **Friday November 9, 2012**-Samoset Resort, Camden Room, Rockport, Maine at 4:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday November 13, 2012** – Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC), Room 217, Penobscot Hall, Bangor, Maine at 5:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 13, 2012** – Washington County Community College, Room 433, Calais, Maine at 5:00 p.m. (via videoconference with EMCC Bangor.)
- **Tuesday, November 13, 2012** – Penquis Higher Education Center, Polycom Room, Dover Foxcroft at 5:00 p.m. (via videoconference with EMCC, Bangor.)
- **Tuesday November 13, 2012** - Katahdin Higher Education Center, Polycom Room, East Millinocket at 5:00 p.m. (via videoconference with EMCC Bangor)
- **Wednesday November 14, 2012** - Maine Emergency Medical Services, De Champlain Conference Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday November 14, 2012**– Aroostook EMS Office, Polycom Room, Caribou Maine at 6:00 p.m. (via videoconference with Maine EMS)

Written comments may also be filed with the Maine EMS Board and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. November 26, 2012. Mail your comments to: Maine EMS 152 State House Station, Augusta Maine 04333-0152 or email to maine.ems@maine.gov